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WEST SIBERIAN SHEPHERDS PREPARE FOR NAVIGATION SEASON

TUMEN' SHIPBUILDERS CONSTRUCT NEW TIMBER TRANSPORT -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 58,
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The Omsk Oblast newspaper Omskaya Pravda reports that the Nizhne-Irtysh Steamship Line will receive new ships from the Tyumen' Shipbuilding Plant. Welding of the all-metal hull of the first large timber transport (lesovoz) for use on the rivers of Western Siberia, has been completed. The ship is equipped to transport thousands of tons of construction timber on the deck, thus facilitating operation of the vessel. It is being constructed in an area which is usually inundated each spring by the Tura River, so that in May it can be floated without special launching.

The plant is building several of these ships and has completed construction of three large steam tugboats.

NOVOSTATSK SEITVARD IMPROVES PRODUCTION = Sovetskaya Sibir', No 64, 2 Apr 49

The Novosibirsk Ship-Repair Plant (director, N. Burykhin) has pledged to produce 4 rubles' worth of production per ruble of working capital instead of the 2 rubles 8 kopeks realized in 1948. The turnover of working capital must be accelerated by 4 days above the plan and 100,000 rubles of working capital released to the State. The plant is now engaged in repairing metal hulls of the existing fleet and constructing new ships for the West Siberian Steamship Line and the Ob' Route Administration.

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Up until 1948, the majority of cast-iron spare parts and units produced by the Novosibirsk Ship-Repair Plant were guaranteed for only one navigation season, after which they had to be removed. Engineers of the plant developed a new method of producing steel parts during the present winter repair season. The new method improves the quality of the parts and lengthens their period of

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service to five or more years. Substitution of steel for cast-iron parts has been done before, but not on such a large scale. The ship-repair plant has guaranteed the parts for a minimum of two navigation seasons. Parts produced by this new method will be used to equip 12 ships of the river fleet. These ships will not need capital repair during 1949-50.

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